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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 17-32 were pending in the Application. Applicant has amended claims 24 and 32 and canceled claim 31 without prejudice or disclaimer. In accordance with the Telephonic Interview of September 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 17-30 and 32 will remain pending in the application.

2. Telephonic Interview

On September 29, 2005, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner held a telephonic Interview in which the Examiner stated that the claims as amended would place the application in condition for allowance. Solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant agreed to the above amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

4. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the Serial No.: 09/629,904 Attorney Docket No.: F-179 Patent

response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-179.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-179.

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